



SAFE STREETS IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB

On average there are 13,000 traffic crashes every year in the District of Columbia. Roughly 250 involve bicyclists and 550 involve pedestrians. The District Government is committed to preventing these crashes, while simultaneously increasing the amount of bicycling and walking in Washington. With your help we can make DC streets safer for everyone.



For more information please visit these organizations: DC Division of Transportation www.ddot.dc.gov | Walk DC www.walkdc.org | Washington Area Bicyclist Association www.waba.org | AAA Mid-Atlantic www.aaawj.com | Metropolitan Police Department www.mpd.dc.gov | DC Bicycle Courier Association www.dccourier.com

RIGHTS

- Have the right of way when in the crosswalk
- Have the right of way on the sidewalk

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Obey pedestrian signals
- Do not walk suddenly into the path of a vehicle
- Cross in the crosswalk



BICYCLISTS

- Have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles
- Are allowed to operate in the street

- Ride in the street in the Central Business District*
- Ride in the same direction as traffic
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk and on sidewalk
- Be predictable, use hand signals
- Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians

MOTORISTS

- Have the right to expect everyone to obey traffic rules



- Stop and yield to pedestrians when turning right on red
- Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists (or any vehicle)
- Look behind for traffic when opening door
- Be predictable, use turn signals
- Yield to pedestrians when turning

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

(No Bicycle Riding on the Sidewalk)



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